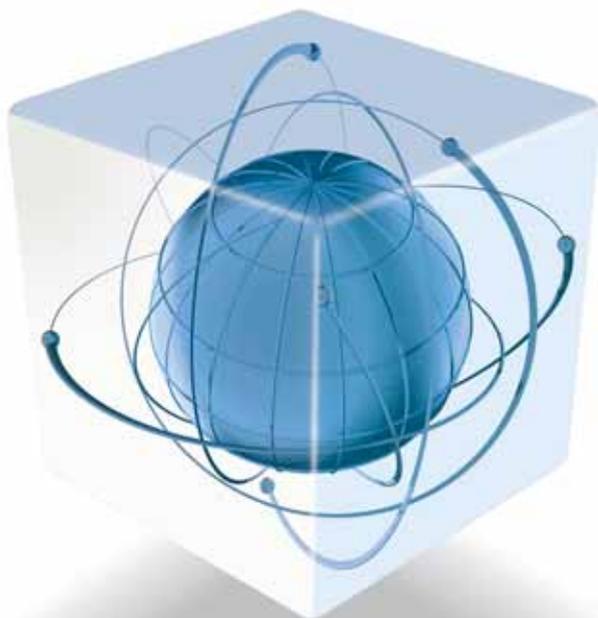


# ASERI



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ALTA SCUOLA DI ECONOMIA  
E RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI



## Master's Course in International Relations

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Via San Vittore, 18 - Milan, Italy

Master 2010 - 2011





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## ONE YEAR TO TRAIN GLOBAL LEADERS

The MIR is an innovative postgraduate program developed for graduates willing to deepen their knowledge of the field of international relations through an immediate privileged experience with a distinguished faculty and top-level professionals.

The principal aim of the Course is to provide students with knowledge and managerial skills indispensable for a professional career in international organizations and companies working in a constantly changing global environment.

The MIR provides a well-balanced combination of theory and practise, by focusing on international relations, economics, politics and law, as well as, those emerging issues that challenge today's global system: trade, finance, security, information and communication technology, energy, environment and global networks.

## THE ASERI DIFFERENCE

- ASERI Masters' courses are in response to the current job market demands: they train students in a constant face to face comparison with **theoretical topics**, but **provoking their personalities** and experiences to form a practical and highly professional point of view.
- With this in mind, the Università Cattolica decided to create ASERI in 1995 as a **centre of excellence** in the heart of Milan. Students experience the new global reality through a **unique collaboration** of exclusive international faculty, meetings with senior executives, multicultural classes, flexible modular-format courses in English and international internships.
- Given to its **expertise** and **multi-disciplinary** nature, the ASERI approach offers a strong functional understanding of international issues and processes, as well as an in-depth scientific study of methodologies, disciplines and career training.

## EXPERIENCES OF ASERI

"ASERI is a meeting point... of disciplines: international economics, politics, business; ...of approaches: academic, managerial and institutional; ...of people: different backgrounds, different nationalities and different ages. This mix makes of ASERI a source of opportunities".

Massimo Sparagi, Senior Manager, ABB - Milan

"ASERI has been one of the most difficult study experiences in my life; being in front of Economics books for the first time puzzled me, but it was fascinating and challenging too. A team work dimension never abandoned us during the entire course, as well as an enthusiastic and passionate research of stimuli, solutions and ideas. ASERI has a unique characteristic, to be a "laboratory" to **experience new ideas and a network**.

Manuela Prina, Young Professional, Asian Development Bank - Manila

"ASERI has been the **place of our maturity**, where peculiarities - depending on different nature and education - **found their way out** in a more mature consciousness of our aptitudes related to the professional goals offered by the essential economic fields of our society".

Luigi Zarro, Senior Consultant, Buchan Consulting - Melbourne

"I am very proud of my Master at ASERI, one of the highlights of my academic career. It **brings people from different parts of the world together and builds bridges between cultures**. For me, ASERI is an international platform where everybody can voice their opinions without prejudice. I am glad that I had a chance to study in an environment of sharing and understanding".

Ceren Uysal, Research Fellow, Akdeniz University - Antalya

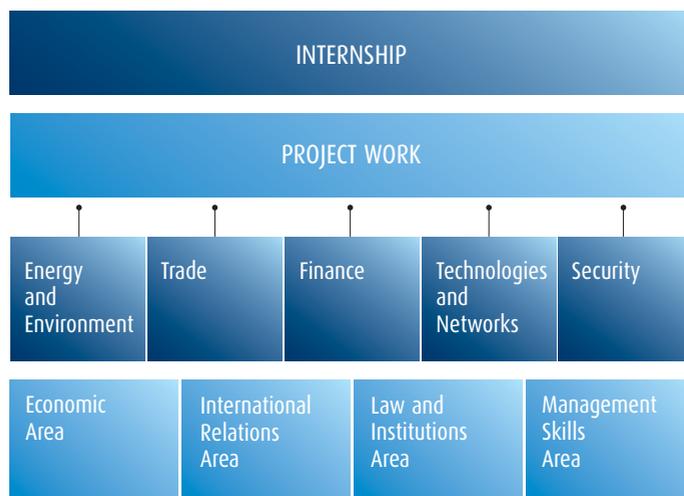
"ASERI offers many **professional outlets** to its students. Numerous companies and international organizations sustain the ASERI project and this let the School give its students the opportunity of presenting their candidature with excellent references".

Giovanna Lazzarini, European Affairs Delegate, Mediaset - Milan



## CURRICULUM

The MIR program is spread over 4 integrated levels aimed at fostering a multi-dimensional education which includes also research skills, analytical tools and professional development.



### 1st level - Scientific Training & Management Skills

Course attendance offers an important opportunity to meet an international faculty and deepen the theoretical analysis of the economic, political, historical, legal and institutional issues relevant to the global system.

Due to the multi-disciplinary character of this area, students have the opportunity to study and evaluate specific problems from different yet connected points of view.

## THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON FOUR DISCIPLINARY AREAS:

### A - Economics

- Competitiveness in the Global Economy
- Understanding Economic Integration: Trade, FDI and Migration
- International Monetary Economics
- International Finance
- The Open Economy: Theory and Policy

### B - International Relations

- America and Europe in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- China and the World Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Structure and Dynamics of the International Political System
- The Global Proliferation of Regional Integration
- Rise of China and Transformation of World Politics

### C - Law and Institutions

- Public International Law
- FDI Law: International Joint Ventures
- EU Law and Policy: foundations
- Comparative Regional Integration
- International Trade: the WTO

### D - Management Skills Development

- Developing managerial skills in a global context
- Communication and negotiation: a managerial effectiveness perspective
- World team simulation
- Basic principles of track-two diplomacy
- European lobbying: what it is and how it works





## 2nd level - Advanced Training on Global Issues

The MIR includes an advanced training program on the most relevant global issues that governments, international organizations, NGOs and multinational private companies are facing at the beginning of the third millennium.

Professionals and experts from specific areas are involved in planning, organizing and teaching in this level:

### Trade

- International trade
- Seminars and case studies

### Finance

- The international financial system and development
- Seminars and case studies

### Security

- Global security: actors and dynamics
- Seminars and case studies

### Technologies and Networks

- Digital network technologies, information management, eBusiness, eGovernment, eHealth
- Seminars and case studies

### Energy and Environment

- Environmental economics and natural resources
- Seminars and case studies

## 3rd level - Project Work

Participants join in the elaboration of a project work where the multidimensional analysis of a problem leads to the identification of its fundamental nodes. Students develop their research activity within small, well integrated groups in order to strengthen their ability to work in teams. Each group deepens a topic related to one of the 2nd level global issues areas. Project works will be supervised both by a professor and a professional from a partner institution.

## 4th level - Internship

The scientific research activity is completed by an internship. Therefore students have the opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt.

## FACULTY (A.Y. 2009-10)

- Prof. Paul H. Dembinski - University of Fribourg, Switzerland  
 Prof. Emilio Colombo - University of Milano - Bicocca  
 Prof. Simona Beretta - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan  
 Prof. Paul De Grauwe - Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
 Prof. Tomasz Dolegowski - Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
- Prof. Dr. Xuewu Gu - University of Bonn, Germany  
 Prof. Michael Cox - London School of Economics and Political Science  
 Prof. G. John Ikenberry - Princeton University, USA  
 Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt - University of Bonn, Germany  
 Prof. Michael Mastanduno - Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA
- Prof. Thomas A. Zimmermann - University of St. Gallen, Switzerland  
 Prof. Marco Gestri - University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
 Prof. Miklós Király - Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest  
 Prof. Luca Rubini - University of Birmingham  
 Prof. Andrés Malamud - University of Lisbon  
 Dr. Lorna Beretta - Politecnico, Milan
- Dr. Matteo Borsani - Confindustria, Brussels  
 Prof. Roberto Zoboli - CERIS-CNR and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan  
 Dr. Raoul Ascari - SACE, Rome  
 Dr. Orlando Arango - European Investment Bank, Luxembourg  
 Prof. Riccardo Redaelli - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan  
 Prof. Marco Lombardi - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan  
 Prof. Patrizia Fariselli - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- Bank Degroof, Brussels
- Carne Global Financial Services, Luxembourg
- Chamber of Commerce, Milan
- Confindustria, Brussels
- Edison, Brussels
- EIB, Brussels
- ENEL, Rome
- ENI, Milan
- Equilibri, Milan
- FAO, Rome
- Federlegno, Milan
- Fiat Group European Affairs, Brussels
- GSK Biologicals
- IADB, Washington DC
- International Trade Centre, Geneva
- Israel Commercial & Invest Office, Milan
- Itstime, Milan
- Landau Network Centro Volta, Como
- PEP-NET, European Network for eParticipation
- Promos, Milan
- SACE, Rome
- UNCTAD, Geneva
- UniCredit Group, Milan



## CALENDAR

Classes will take place at the ASERI campus from January through June 2011, from Monday to Friday. During the period July-December 2011 students will have the opportunity to attend an internship and work on their final project.

## PAST INTERNSHIPS

- Carne Group, Luxembourg
- Committee of the Regions, Brussels
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Milan
- ENI S.p.A., Milan
- Federlegno, Brussels
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome
- Fortis Bank, Milan
- GAP, Washington D.C.
- Gruppo SACE, Rome and Milan
- International Trade Centre, Geneva
- Invest in Israel Office, Milan
- Itstime, Milan
- Landau Network-Centro Volta (LNCV), Como
- Plan Bleu, Valbonne
- Promos - Milan Chamber of Commerce
- Unicredit Group, Milan
- United Planet, Boston

## FINAL DIPLOMA

The Master's Course (Master universitario di I livello) will be granted by the Università Cattolica after the achievement of 60 credits gained through attendance to the Master activities and the successful completion of all examinations.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To ensure a high quality of learning and interaction, the maximum number of admitted students is limited to 25.

- In order to enrol in the Master's Program participants must: have completed a 3-year University degree;
- pass a selection based on the CV and the motivational questionnaire assessment;
- demonstrate a good knowledge of English. (English is the language of instruction)

The selection process will be integrated by an oral interview.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be received from April to December 3<sup>rd</sup> through an **ongoing process**. Therefore the earlier applications have more chance of being **accepted**. The Master's Commission will begin to consider applications from the beginning of May and will announce their decision three weeks later. ASERI accepts conditional admissions for students who plan to graduate by December 2010.

Applicants are required to produce the following documents:

- 1 Application form, to be completed online
- 2 Certified transcripts of grades (translated either in English or Italian language)
- 3 Resumé with photo
- 4 Motivational questionnaire

Documents must be sent by e-mail at [info.aseri@unicatt.it](mailto:info.aseri@unicatt.it) or by fax to **0039 02 46 94 845**.

No fee is charged for the selection process.

## Important note FOR NON-EU CITIZENS

According to Italian law Italian universities may not receive applications directly from NON-EU citizens. Therefore, **they must apply via the local Italian EMBASSY or CONSULATE**.

## FEES

The program fee is € 9.800,00. For students enrolling by September 30<sup>th</sup> the tuition fee will be reduced to € 8.500,00. The fee covers tuition, tutoring service, school's facilities and teaching materials. Scholarships and financial aid may be available in the course of the year.





## SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASERI MASTER'S STUDENTS

### ORIENTATION

For those who are considering the opportunities for their professional future, ASERI offers individual counselling services.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

ASERI has a dedicated office to follow students in their application process.

### ACCOMMODATION

For those who need to find an accommodation in Milan, ASERI proposes:

- a list of contacts for searching rooms in Milan
- a link with Milano International Living Service (MIL Service): a student housing company dedicated to the coordination of all aspects of apartment housing needs. Possibility to organize pick-up services from the University to the accommodation. Website: [www.milservice.com](http://www.milservice.com)

### FACILITIES

Within the ASERI building, the following facilities are available for Master's students:

- study and reading-rooms;
- a computer lab equipped with Internet connection;
- wireless network;
- a specialized library in economics and international relations;
- a conference room;
- a canteen;
- tutoring and administrative services.

As students of the Università Cattolica, ASERI students can also use all the services in the University main building (Largo Gemelli):

- a big interdisciplinary library;
- computer labs;
- a canteen;
- a health service.

### TUTORING SERVICE

During their stay at ASERI, all Master's students benefit from:

- individual and group support during the academic activities
- a dedicated staff to supervise in their internship choice

For further information: [info.aseri@unicatt.it](mailto:info.aseri@unicatt.it) - [www.aseri.it](http://www.aseri.it)

### UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE

Established in 1921, it operates in the fields of higher education, scientific research and permanent training. Its activity is carried out at the campuses of Milan, Brescia, Piacenza-Cremona, Rome and Campobasso with 14 faculties, over 1,300 Faculty members and more than 42,000 students.

The University is part of a worldwide academic network and promotes frequent scholarly exchanges for conferences and seminars. In order to promote and improve international cooperation, the Università Cattolica has joined various consortium and associations.

### ASERI, POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Since 1995, ASERI has been working to understand the deep changes occurring in the economic and political environment with the beginning of globalization.

ASERI's students, who come from all over the world and have different cultural backgrounds and ages, have been educated through Master's courses and high level postgraduate training programs.

ASERI alumni are now managers on five continents and work for international organizations, multinational societies, financial institutions, supranational public administrations and NGOs.

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